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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

The following preliminary amendment and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

## IN THE ABSTRACT

Please replace the ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE with the rewritten ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE attached on a separate sheet.

## REMARKS

Favorable action on the instant application is earnestly solicited. In the event there are any outstanding matters in this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (703) 205-8000 in the Washington, D.C. area in order to discuss these matters.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any